



**IT'S NOT
YOUR
FAULT**

J.T.C.

His name was Bobbie Barns. It's a simple suicide case, Inspector.

It *appears* so, but first I want to interview **all** the kids living here.

Ralph, I understand you slept in the same room with Bobbie. Do you know why he took his own life?

No!

This little guy is terrified... something's going on here.

Inspector, that foster home, "*Happy Halls*," has an almost *perfect* record and it's rated tops in the state.

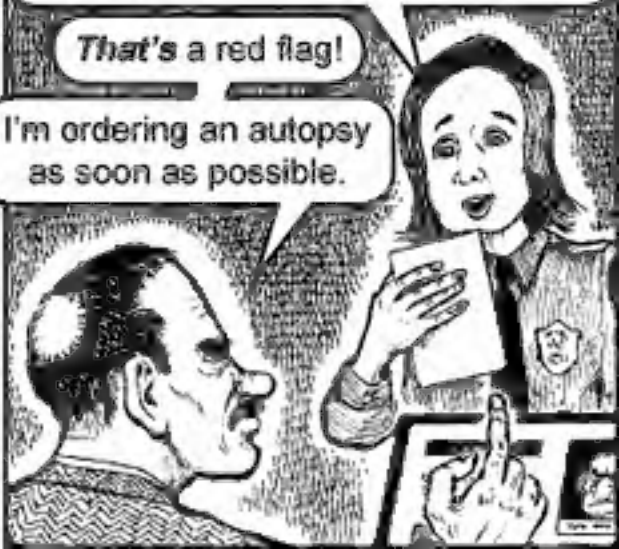


"Almost perfect?"
What happened?

Well, two years ago, another seven year old committed suicide there.

That's a red flag!

I'm ordering an autopsy as soon as possible.



This kid had a tough life, Frank! He had a history of broken bones, fresh bruises and brutal sexual abuse.

I was afraid of that.

What are you going to do, Inspector?

See the Chief!

Chief, not one of those kids gave me a straight answer. I want a complete physical for each child.

Let's get them out of there while we investigate.

I'll contact Child Protective Services, Frank.

Close "Happy Halls"? *Impossible!*
Judge Stone won't allow it.

Think of the children!

We are!

Get those kids ready, Mr. Kissler.
They're getting physicals!

No way! I'm calling Judge
Stone! He put them here.
He'll put a stop to this outrage!

Is there no
justice?

Stone is on vacation.
Call a lawyer instead! You're
gonna *need* one, you creep!



The Chief is steaming mad! He wants you in his office — *right now!*

What did you do, Frank?

I have no idea.

Well, you stepped on somebody's toes!

The Mayor yelled at me for 15 minutes!
Your suicide case is closed, Frank!

Sir?

But Chief...

"Happy Halls"
is back in
business!

Shut up, Frank! You're lucky
you still have a badge.

Why does that lady read us her Bible at dinner? Is she crazy?

No, she really loves God, and all of us, too.

So? That sicko, who crawled into my bed at night, used to say that!

3 months later

NOOO! Stop! Get away from me... help... **YAAAA!**

Ralph's having another nightmare, Mrs. Carpenter.

Bring him into the kitchen, Ricky.

I keep seeing his face in my dreams. Bobbie recognized him two nights before he died.



I told Bobbie *not* to tell anyone. But he *did*! I know who he is, too, but I play *dumb* to stay alive.

Who *is* he, Ralph?

It's slimy old Judge Stone!

When I grow up, I wanna kill him, Kissler, and his *wife*, 'cause I *hate* their guts!

Of course, I understand!



I've been there
and thought that!

What? You
wanted to kill
someone, *too*?

Not just kill, Ralph, but
torture! I had **murder** in my
heart. All I could do was think
about them constantly.

What happened?

My husband and I
were missionaries in
Rwanda, Africa...

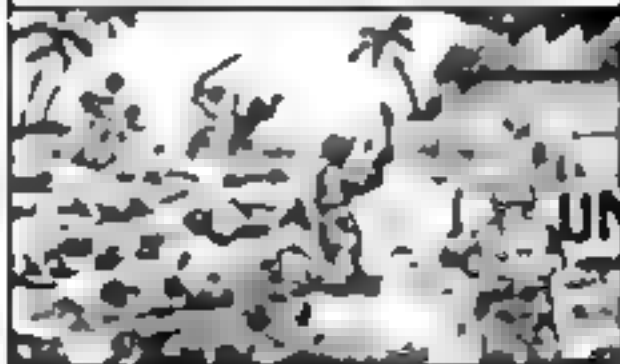
We had a small church and we loved
the people, and they loved us.

Tribal hatred kept building in Rwanda
The powerful Hutu tribe secretly
armed themselves to destroy the
outnumbered Tutsi tribe



Violence exploded. The Hutus
attacked with machetes, killing
every Tutsi they could find. But
we lived with the Tutsi people

There were United Nations troops
standing by as the raging Hutus
slaughtered the terrified people



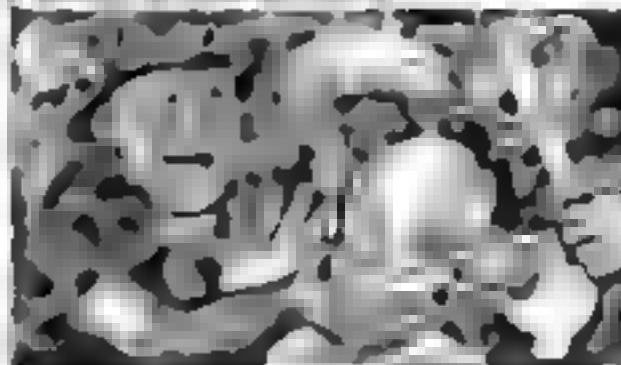
The U.N. troops didn't lift a
finger to stop the bloodbath.
Do you know why?

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Uh huh. I keep seeing the Judge coming through the shadows to hurt me again

It's not your fault. Ralph!
I prayed for my dreams to stop but they wouldn't.

Then I discovered the reason why!

I was supposed to ask God to bless those men who hurt me!

Instead I wanted them dead and thrown into hell.

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I was sinning against God, because I wasn't praying for them.

The Lord tells us to pray for
our enemies and bless them,
and to forgive them *

What?

When we hate and think
evil about them all the
time we become tied
to them in our minds
They become part of us

*Matt 5:44

And that # make you sick!
Forgiveness breaks that powerful
hold and we're set free from them

Did it work?

Oh yes! My nightmares
stopped Ralph

But, what about those guys who
hurt us? Are they forgiven?

Not unless they repent. They'll die and stand naked and alone before God. Each one will be terrified as God casts them into the lake of fire



Are you kidding?

No, Ralph that's called the **Great White Throne Judgment.***

*Revelation 20:11-15

This is for the billions who refused God's forgiveness

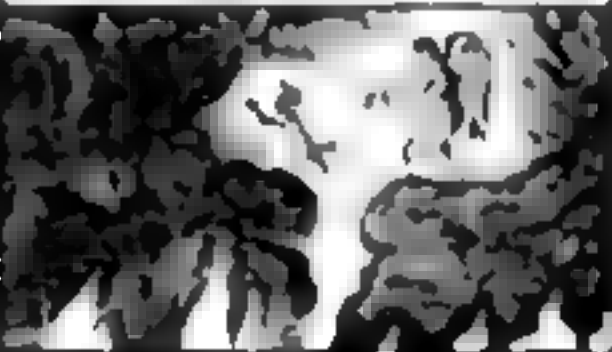


Depart from me
I've cursed *

*Matthew 25:41

They rejected the good news that Jesus died in their place. I hope you'll miss that judgment, Ralph.

WOW! That really scares me
[No those people just burn up?]



No Hallel, the Bible says... the whole
of the universe are created by him even the
earth... "Because they refused Jesus
gift of eternal life

Rev. 14:11

Jesus has a gift for me? I don't get it



Jesus... Jesus is God's only begotten
Son... He has made all things, created
the earth and heaven and the earth...
He did something very special for you

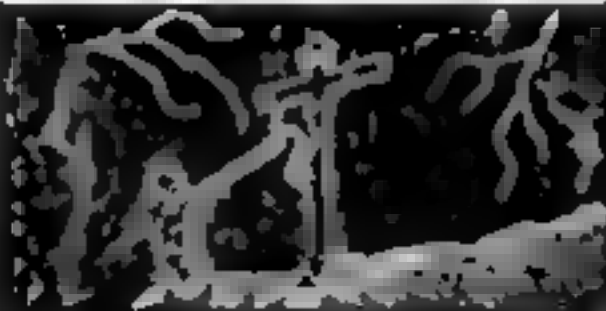
get eternal life for free

He came here from heaven to
save us from going to hell




This is heavy stuff. Each of us have
sinned and deserve hell. But Jesus
took our punishment on Himself.

The angels stood in shock asking
God to turn this man's precious
blood into wine to wash away your sins.



Do you care? You'd better!
At your death Jesus will either
be your Saviour or your enemy.
It's time to choose.

Today the entire world sees Jesus
as a nut case. They still hate Him
for saying

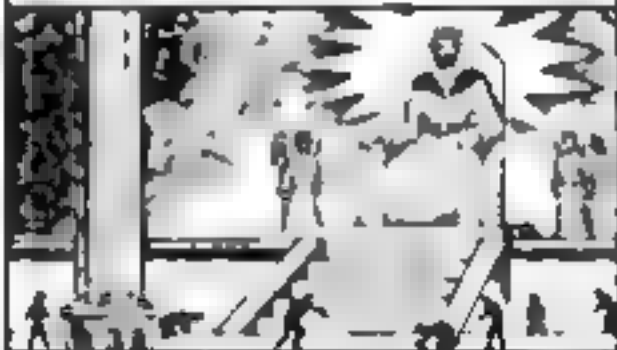


I am the way, the truth
and the life. No man cometh
unto the Father but by me.

John 14:6

But Jesus is coming back soon

The world will be horrified when
He destroys the world's armies at
Armageddon and rules in Jerusalem
as Israel's Messiah and King of kings



If you make Him your Saviour now
you'll reign with Him when He returns

Jesus said: "...he that believeth not
is condemned already..."*

How about it, Ralph? Do you want
to get saved from going to hell?

Yes!

Then let's pray.

Ask Jesus to come into your heart.

*John 3:18

I believe You, Jesus. Save me and
come into my heart. Forgive my sins,
and help me forgive Judge Stone.
I give him to You.



Ralph repented and his sins were
forgiven. He became a child of God.



Ralph, did you hear the news?



What?

Judge Stone dropped dead last night. He had a heart attack.

"...he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment..." Galatians 5:10

Jesus isn't playing games.
He gave His life for you...
then He rose from the dead.

Jesus said,
"He that is not with me
is against me..."

Matthew 12:30

"...Believe on the Lord Jesus
Christ, and thou **shalt** be saved..."

Acts 16:31

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness.
I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood
and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin.
I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my
personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

